



THE LEGAL ADVISOR

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Stricter Texting and Driving Law

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A bill amending Ohio's texting-and-driving statute was passed into law, which will take effect in April.

Under the amended Revised Code section 4511.204, a person can now be stopped not only for texting while driving, but also simply for holding a telephone or electronic transmitting device. Other distractions while driving, such as scrolling social media or viewing videos, are prohibited under the statute. But exceptions exist, such as calling emergency services or talking on speakerphone.

The first penalty is a misdemeanor and carries up to two points on a driver's license plus a \$150 fine, while multiple offenses under the same section carry up to a \$500 fine and a driver's license suspension.

Prior to April, police will issue warnings. The state legislature hopes to curb needless deaths and injuries caused by distracted driving on Ohio roads.

LEGALESE: NUNC PRO TUNC

The phrase “nunc pro tunc,” a Latin phrase translated as “now for then,” denotes that an act has retroactive legal effect through a court's inherent power. Black's Law Dictionary 1097 (8th ed. 2004).

A lot of times, a "nunc pro tunc" motion is filed in court to fix a court order that has an inadvertent mistake to edit the order to make it as though it were intended to be.

February is Black History Month!

Be sure to check out events and programming celebrating Black History Month in Cleveland.

- Cuyahoga County Public Library - Join in events and programs throughout the month at various branches. There will be hands-on art for children and book selections highlighting the works of black authors, artists, and innovators.
- Cleveland Public Library - CPL will be amplifying black voices all month and will "recognize Black leaders, writers, and creators of the past, present, and future," through events including author discussions, music performances, and special exhibits.
- Cleveland History Center - History on Tap programming on Feb. 23 will feature A celebration of Black Culture,
- Other museums, including the Rock Hall and Cleveland Museum of Art, will have special features to celebrate Black History Month.

UNUSUAL LAWS

Strange Laws Around the US (Texas)

- You can't go barefoot in some cities without a permit.
- You can only eat your neighbor's garbage with permission.
- You may not milk someone else's cow, or you face a fine.



IN-PERSON BRIEF ADVICE CLINICS, WORKSHOPS, AND KNOW YOUR RIGHTS SESSIONS WILL CONTINUE IN 2023! IF YOUR ORGANIZATION NEEDS US, PLEASE CALL! CONTACT US AT 216.861.5323. AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED. Also, Check our our self study workshops on our website!

Formed in 2012, Scranton Road Legal Clinic educates and empowers our neighbors to make educated and prudent legal decisions, while providing the holistic support for the spiritual, emotional and relational problems that often accompany legal concerns. We offer brief advice via our brief advice telephone line at 216.861.5323 or via our online intake form at www.scrantonroadministries.org/legal. Contact us today to discuss your legal need.